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This June, 28, 2012, file photo shows hogs at a farm in Buckhart, Ill.

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## New U.S. rules to protect animal farmers expected soon

From Front

By **JOSH FUNK**  
Associated Press

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — The Biden administration plans to issue a new rule to protect the rights of farmers who raise cows, chickens and hogs against the country's largest meat processors as part of a plan to encourage more competition in the agriculture sector. The new rule that will make it easier for farmers to sue companies they contract with over unfair, discriminatory or deceptive practices is one of several steps that the White House plans to announce in the next few days. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is also expected to tighten the definition of what it means for meat to be labeled a "Product of USA" to exclude when animals are raised in other countries and simply processed in the United States.

Farmer advocacy groups have pressed for change for years but Congress and the meat processing industry have resisted. A USDA official familiar with the White House's plan said an executive order is expected to be announced this week that will clear the way for the new rules.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday that the rules are designed to "increase competition in agricultural industries to boost farmers' and ranchers' earnings, fight back against abuses of power by giant agribusiness corporations, and give farmers the right to repair their own equipment how they like." The regulation will make it easier for farmers to bring complaints under the Packers and Stockyards Act and is similar to one the Trump administration killed four

years ago. That rule was first proposed in 2010. Several court rulings have

"costly, specious lawsuits." Supporters of the new rule said not to expect a flood

dependent family-owned cattle farms and ranches," said Bullard, who is CEO

fed beef labeled as made in the U.S. actually comes from imported cattle. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has said he wants that label to accurately reflect what consumers expect when they read it.

Bullard said changing the label rules will help, but that even if meat producers can't use the "Product of USA" label, they won't be required to label the beef as foreign.

Consumers may think the meat they buy is produced domestically, even if it has been imported, because it carries a USDA inspection stamp when it has been processed in the United States, he said.

The Agriculture Department also plans to invest in new local and regional markets, so farmers will have more options for selling the animals and crops they raise. Critics have said the major meat processing companies dominate the market for cattle, hogs and chickens, which makes it harder for small farmers to get a fair price.

This week's expected executive order follows an announcement this spring that the USDA was planning to strengthen protections for farmers under the law and encourage more competition in livestock markets.

A source familiar with the executive order said it will also encourage the Federal Trade Commission to limit the ability of agricultural equipment manufacturers to force farmers to have their equipment repaired at dealers instead of using independent repair shops or doing repairs themselves. Currently, some tractor makers use proprietary tools and software to force farmers to go to dealers for repairs. □



In this Oct. 21, 2015, file photo, cage-free chickens stand in a fenced pasture on the Francis Blake organic farm near Waukon, Iowa.

Associated Press

interpreted federal law as saying a farmer must prove a company's actions harm competition in the entire industry before a lawsuit can move forward. The new rule would ease that high burden of proof.

Chicken and pork producers, for example, often must enter long-term contracts with companies such as Tyson Foods and Pilgrim's Pride that farmers say lock them into deals that fix their compensation at unprofitably low levels and force them deep into debt.

Previously, major meat companies have defended the system as fair; it calls for farmers to provide barns and labor to raise chickens while the companies provide chicks, feed and expertise. The North American Meat Institute, which represents meat processors, said the proposed rule would likely encourage

of lawsuits from small farmers who are "working very hard for not a lot of pay."

"The idea that they're going to become ultimately extremely litigious and go out and hiring every lawyer they can to sue the industry is, I think, a big exaggeration on the part of some of the associations that are against this," said Jonathan Hladik, with the nonprofit Center for Rural Affairs in Nebraska, which lobbies on behalf of family farmers.

Bill Bullard, who leads a trade group representing farmers and ranchers, said the change should better protect individuals in their dealings with the four major meat companies, which together control roughly 70% of U.S. beef production.

"It will help to reform the marketplace and balance the tremendous disparity in power between multinational meatpackers and in-

of the R-CALF USA trade group.

Missouri farmer Darvin Bentlage, who raises crops and cattle about 40 miles (64.37 kilometers) north of Joplin in the southwest corner of the state, said these new rules will help if they can boost competition.

"We need more competition," Bentlage said. "Capitalism works well with competition. But when you start consolidating everything and taking away the competition then the capitalism doesn't work good for the smaller guys."

The USDA also plans to review the definition of what it means for meat to be labeled a "Product of USA." Currently, companies can use that label whenever meat is processed in the United States, even if the animals were born and raised elsewhere. USDA officials say that most grass-

# Pentagon cancels disputed JEDI cloud contract with Microsoft

By **ROBERT BURNS**

**AP National Security Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP)** —

The Pentagon said Tuesday it canceled a disputed cloud-computing contract with Microsoft that could eventually have been worth \$10 billion. It will instead pursue a deal with both Microsoft and Amazon and possibly other cloud service providers.

"With the shifting technology environment, it has become clear that the JEDI Cloud contract, which has long been delayed, no longer meets the requirements to fill the DoD's capability gaps," the Pentagon said in a statement.

The statement did not directly mention that the Pentagon faced extended legal challenges by Amazon to the original \$1 million contract awarded to Microsoft. Amazon argued that the Microsoft award was tainted by politics, particularly then-President Donald Trump's antagonism toward Amazon founder, Jeff Bezos, who stepped down Monday as the company's chief executive officer. Bezos owns The Washington Post, a newspaper often criticized by Trump.

The Pentagon's chief information officer, John Sherman, told reporters Tuesday that during the lengthy legal fight with Amazon, "the landscape has evolved" with new possibilities for large-scale cloud computing services. Thus it was decided, he said, to start over and seek multiple vendors. Sherman said JEDI will be replaced by a new program called Joint Warfighter Cloud Capability, and that both Amazon and Microsoft "likely" will be awarded parts of the business, although neither is guaranteed. Sherman said the three other large cloud service providers — Google, IBM and Oracle — might qualify, too.

Microsoft said in response to the Pentagon announcement, "We understand the DoD's rationale, and we support them and every military member who needs the mission-critical

21st century technology JEDI would have provided. The DoD faced a difficult choice: Continue with what could be a years-long litigation battle or find another path forward."

Amazon said it understands and agrees with the Pentagon's decision. In a statement, the company reiterated its view that the 2019 contract award was not based on the merits of the competing proposals "and instead was the result of outside influence that has no place in government procurement."

Oracle, which had earlier sought the JEDI contract but didn't make it to the final round, declined comment Tuesday. IBM and Google didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

The JEDI project began with the \$1 million contract award for Microsoft, meant as an initial step in a 10-year deal that could have reached \$10 billion in value. The project that will replace it is a five-year program; Sherman said no exact contract value has been set but that it will be "in the billions." Sherman said the government will negotiate the amount Microsoft will be paid for having its 2019 deal terminated. Amazon Web Services, a market leader in providing cloud computing services, had long been considered a leading candidate to run the Pentagon's Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure project, known as JEDI. The project was meant to store and process vast amounts of classified data, allowing the U.S. military to improve communications with soldiers on the battlefield and use artificial intelligence to speed up its war planning and fighting capabilities.

The JEDI contract became mired in legal challenges almost as soon as it was awarded to Microsoft in October 2019. The losing bidder, Amazon Web Services, went to court arguing that the Pentagon's process was flawed and unfair, including that it was improperly influenced by politics.



This March 27, 2008, file photo, shows the Pentagon in Washington.

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This year the Pentagon had been hinting that it might scrap the contract, saying

in May that it felt compelled to reconsider its options after a federal judge in April

rejected a Pentagon move to have key parts of Amazon's lawsuit dismissed. □

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# Tropical Storm Elsa gaining strength, could become hurricane

By **CURT ANDERSON** and **FREIDA FRISARO**

**Associated Press**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)**

— The National Hurricane Center says Tropical Storm Elsa is strengthening and could become a hurricane before making landfall along Florida's northern Gulf coast. The storm has already complicated the search for survivors in the collapse of a Miami-area condominium 12 days ago. In addition to damaging winds and heavy rains, the Miami-based U.S. National Hurricane Center warned of life-threatening storm surges, flooding and isolated tornadoes. A hurricane warning has been issued for a long stretch of coastline, from Egmont Key at the mouth of Tampa Bay to the Steinhatchee River in Florida's Big Bend area.

The Tampa area is highly vulnerable to storm surge because the offshore waters and Tampa Bay are quite shallow, experts say. But on the barrier island beach towns along the Gulf Coast, it was largely business as usual with few shutters or plywood boards going up. Free sandbags were being handed out at several locations, and a limited number of storm shelters opened Tuesday morning in at least four counties around the Tampa Bay area, although no



Wind moves the grass and palm trees under a cloudy sky after the passage of Tropical Storm Elsa in Havana, Cuba, Monday, July 5, 2021.

**Associated Press**

evacuations have been ordered.

Nancy Brindley, 85, who lives in a seaside house built in 1923, said she has experienced 34 previous tropical cyclones and is not having shutters put on her windows. Her main concern is what will happen to sand on the adjacent beach and the dunes that protect her house and others. She's staying through the storm.

"The main concern here is, if it doesn't speed up and decides to stall, there will be enormous erosion," she said. Friends Chris Wirtz, 47, and Brendan Peregrine,

44, were staying put at a beachfront inn with their families. Both are from Tampa, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) across the bay and have been through storms many times.

"Before we left, we knew it was coming," Wirtz said.

Peregrine said the two families had been coming to the Pinellas County beach for 10 years. He noted they have ample supplies and a charcoal grill to cook on if the power goes out.

"We can hunker down for days," Peregrine said.

Still, some people were taking no chances. Annie

Jones, 51, has lived along the Gulf Coast her entire life. She was buying ice and food at a local grocery store in advance of the storm. Across the Tampa Bay region that's home to about 3.5 million people, events, government offices and schools were closing down early Tuesday in advance of the storm.

The Tampa Bay Rays game against Cleveland was postponed until a doubleheader on Wednesday, the team announced. Most schools, in their summer terms, will be closed through Wednesday, and

attractions such as Zoo Tampa and several museums were closing early. However, the fifth game of the Stanley Cup finals between the Tampa Bay Lightning and Montreal Canadiens, set for Wednesday night, will take place, according to Tampa Mayor Jane Castor. The Lightning lead the NHL's championship series 3-1 and could clinch the title with a victory.

Bands of rain were expected to reach Surfside on Florida's Atlantic coast, soaking the rubble of the Champlain Towers South, which collapsed June 24, killing at least 32 people. Search and rescue crews have worked through rain in search of more than 100 others listed as missing, but must pause when lightning threatens, and a garage area in the pancaked debris already filled with water Monday, officials said.

Elsa's maximum sustained winds stood at 70 mph (112 kph) Tuesday afternoon. A slow strengthening is forecast through Tuesday night and Elsa could be at hurricane strength before it makes landfall in Florida. Its core was about 155 miles (250 kilometers) south-southwest of Tampa. It was continuing to move to the north at 10 mph (16 kph), according to the National Hurricane Center. □



Search and rescue operations resumed as members of the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue team combed through the debris of the Champlain Tower South complex, Monday, July 5, 2021, in Surfside, Fla.

**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — The vice mayor of a South Florida city said Tuesday that he wants a review of all the

work done by a former municipal official who assured condo board members in a nearby city that

## Work review for ex-official connected to collapsed building

their building was in "very good shape" three years before it collapsed.

Doral Vice Mayor Pete Cabrera said he plans to call a special council meeting to ask for a review of everything that has passed through the hands of Rosendo "Ross" Prieto while he worked for C.A.P. Government Inc., which provides building services for the city of Doral and other governments.

"My duty as an elected official is to protect the residents of Doral, and it would be irresponsible

of me not to verify any project that has passed through the hands of this ex-employee in our city," Cabrera said in a news release. "We need to avoid any tragedy that could happen to our residents because of the irresponsibility of any official."

Officials announced last week that Prieto was on a leave of absence from his temporary job with the contracting business. Doral is located about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Surfside, where the Champlain Towers South

collapsed on June 24.

When Prieto was a building official in Surfside in 2018, Prieto told members of the Champlain Towers South board that their condo building was sound. His assessment came a month after an engineering firm identified key structural deficiencies requiring major costly repairs.

Efforts to reach Prieto by telephone and email since the Surfside condominium collapsed last month have not been successful. He left his Surfside job in November. □

# Thailand seizes 315 kilograms of heroin bound for Australia

By TASSANEE VEJPONGSA

Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Customs officials in Thailand made their biggest seizure of heroin this year, about 315 kilograms (700 pounds) worth up to 944 million baht (\$29 million), bringing the total confiscated so far this year to 2 tons, officials said Tuesday.

They did not say where the drugs originated, but the seizure comes amid concerns that production may surge in neighboring Myanmar, the region's main supplier of illicit drugs, because of severe instability following the military's ouster of an elected government in February.

Customs Department Director-General Patchara Anuntasilpa said 134 shrink-wrapped packets of heroin, each weighing about 2.4 kilograms (5.3 pounds), had been concealed in a shipment of acrylic paint headed for Australia.

He said the drugs were discovered on Monday because the packets of heroin were placed in square plastic containers which stood out on X-rays of the paint buckets.

The arrest of a suspect led



**A Thai customs official shows how packages of heroin were concealed within a bucket of thick paint during a press conference at the customs headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, Tuesday, July 6, 2021.**

to the identification of the person who hired him, who fled to Laos, said Wichai Chaimongkol, secretary-general of the Office of the Narcotics Control Board.

The Golden Triangle area, where the borders of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand meet, was a major production area for opium and hosted many of the labs that converted it to heroin. Thailand has almost com-

pletely eliminated opium farming and heroin production, which continues in Myanmar, whose border areas have always been poorly policed. Heroin and other drugs are often smuggled through Laos to Thailand, where much of it is transhipped to overseas destinations such as Australia. Over the past two decades, easily manufactured methamphetamines

have supplanted opium and heroin to become the dominant illegal drug in the region for both domestic consumption and export.

"While demand for opiates continues to decrease as the region's synthetic drug market expands and diversifies, organized crime groups that traffic heroin are still generating substantial profits, with heroin manufacturing and trafficking

making up the vast majority of this value," the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime said in its annual Myanmar Opium Survey, published in January.

The Australian Strategic Policy Institute think tank noted in a report in March that statistics show that "the Australian drug trade is large and growing."

"Despite the best efforts of law enforcement agencies, methamphetamine and heroin use has been increasing by up to 17% year on year. Falling prices in Southeast Asia are likely to keep pushing that number up, while drug prices and purity in Australia remain relatively stable," the report said.

The U.N.'s drug agency has warned that the political turmoil in Myanmar could lead to an expansion of the illegal drug trade.

It said three factors could trigger an upsurge: a general breakdown of good governance, a collapse of markets for normal crops, and a desire by ethnic rebel militias, some of which have long ties to the drug trade, to raise revenue to support their activities during the political uncertainty. □

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## Canada names 1st Indigenous governor general

**OTTAWA (AP)** — An Inuk leader who has served as a Canadian diplomat was named the country's first Indigenous representative of the crown on Tuesday an announcement that comes in the wake of a scandal over the nation's long mistreatment of Indigenous people.

In naming the next governor general, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said "it is only by building bridges" can the people of Canada move forward together.

"Mary Simon has done that throughout her life," Trudeau said speaking at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec.

"I know she will help continue paving that path

ahead. And we will all be stronger for it. Today after 154 years, our country takes a historic step. I cannot think of a better person to meet the moment."

He said Queen Elizabeth II has approved the appointment of her representative in Canada.

The appointment follows the revelation that hundreds of unmarked graves of children have been found on the grounds of former residential schools across Canada institutions to which Indigenous children were forcibly relocated for generations.

Simon was born in Kangiqsualujuaq, in the Nunavik region of northern Quebec, and is the former president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, a

national advocacy organization.

Simon began her remarks by speaking in Inuktitut, and then in English thanked Trudeau for the "historic opportunity," saying she is "honored, humbled and ready to be Canada's first Indigenous governor general."

Simon described her appointment as a "historic and inspirational moment for Canada, and a step forward on the long path towards reconciliation."

Simon replaces Julie Payette, who resigned in January following a scathing independent report on the toxic work environment that had developed during her tenure.

A federal election is ex-



**Mary Simon speaks during an announcement at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Que., on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.**  
Associated Press

pected this fall. The prime minister would need to ask the governor general to dissolve Parliament to trigger an election.

The 73-year-old mother of three children was once a broadcaster for CBC North and later began her career as a public servant when she was elected secretary of the board of directors of

the Northern Quebec Inuit Association.

Simon was one of the senior Inuit negotiators during the repatriation of the Canadian Constitution during First Ministers' conferences that took place from 1982 to 1992, as well as during the 1992 Charlottetown Accord discussions. □

# Iraqi militia commander vows to avenge deaths in US strike

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — The leader of an Iran-backed Iraqi militia has vowed to retaliate against America for the deaths of four of his men in a U.S. airstrike along the Iraq-Syria border last month, saying it will be a military operation everyone will talk about. Abu Alaa al-Walae, commander of Kataib Sayyid al-Shuhada, said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press in Baghdad that the electoral victory of Iran's hard-line judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi as president will strengthen Iran-backed militant groups throughout the Middle East for the next four years.

Al-Walae, who rarely gives interviews to foreign media organizations, spoke to the AP on Monday in an office in a Baghdad neighborhood along the Tigris River. On June 27, U.S. Air Force planes carried out airstrikes near the Iraq-Syria border against what the Pentagon said were facilities used by Iran-backed militia groups to support drone strikes inside Iraq. Four militiamen were killed.



Abu Alaa al-Walae, commander of Kataib Sayyid al-Shuhadam, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press, Monday, July 5, 2021, in Baghdad, Iraq.

The Popular Mobilization Forces, an Iraqi state-sanctioned umbrella of mostly Shiite militias — including those targeted by the U.S. strikes — said their men were on missions to prevent infiltration by the Islamic State group and denied the presence of weapons warehouses.

U.S. troops in eastern Syria came under rocket fire the

day after the airstrikes, with no reported casualties.

The U.S. has blamed Iran-backed militias for attacks — most of them rocket strikes — that have targeted the American presence in Baghdad and military bases across Iraq. More recently, the attacks have become more sophisticated, with militants using drones.

U.S. military officials have grown increasingly alarmed over drone strikes targeting U.S. military bases in Iraq, more common since a U.S. drone killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani near the Baghdad airport last year. Iraqi militia leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis was also killed in the attack. The strike drew the ire of mostly Shiite Iraqi lawmakers and

prompted parliament to pass a nonbinding resolution to pressure the Iraqi government to oust foreign troops from the country.

In mid-April, an explosives-laden drone targeted the military section of the international airport in Irbil, in Iraq's northern Kurdish-run region, causing no casualties or damages. The base also hosts American troops. U.S. officials said Iran-backed militias have conducted at least five drone attacks since April.

After midnight Monday, a drone was shot down near the U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad. There were no casualties. Two U.S. military officials said the drone was launched by Iranian proxies, adding that it was weaponized with explosives and was loitering over the U.S.-led coalition base in Baghdad.

The officials said it was too early to identify the type of the drone. The U.S. Embassy said defense systems at the compound "engaged and eliminated an airborne threat." The statement added that "we are working with our Iraqi partners to investigate" the attack. □

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## Russia, Indonesia talk up ASEAN's consensus on Myanmar peace

By NINIEK KARMINI

Associated Press

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**

— Russia's top diplomat expressed his backing for Southeast Asian efforts toward achieving peace in Myanmar on his visit Tuesday to Indonesia to demonstrate the region's importance to Moscow. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, on a four-day visit to Southeast Asian countries, arrived in Jakarta on Monday from Brunei, where he met with Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, this year's chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

After holding talks with his Indonesian counterpart Retno Marsudi, Lavrov said he briefed Marsudi on the messages Russia has sent to Myanmar's military

leaders and told Marsudi that Russia considered the ASEAN position "a basis for restoring the situation back to normalcy."

At their joint video news

conference, Marsudi emphasized the importance of following up on the five-point consensus to which ASEAN and Myanmar's military leader agreed in

April and asked Russia to support its implementation.

"This requires the commitment of Myanmar's military to cooperate with other ASEAN member countries," she said.

The five-point consensus called for violence to end immediately and for the start of constructive dialogue to find a peaceful solution "in the interests of the people." It was also agreed that a special envoy of the ASEAN chair will mediate in the talks.

"We reiterated our strong support for the ASEAN's five principles," Lavrov said.

Lavrov also affirmed a deepening of economic and political ties with Indonesia, which will hold the G-20 presidency next

year, and the two officials also discussed preparation for President Vladimir Putin's visit to Indonesia later this year.

The two officials also discussed the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic in the Asia-Pacific region and the world. Marsudi said Indonesia and Russia agreed to cooperate on health matters, including COVID-19 vaccines.

Surging infections have strained Indonesia's health care system while it also struggles to roll out vaccinations.

Lavrov and Marsudi are scheduled to co-chair a video meeting with other ASEAN foreign ministers before the Russian envoy departs for another Southeast Asia country, Laos. □



In this photo released by Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, left, walks with his Indonesian counterpart Marsudi, right, after their meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Associated Press

# Report: Venezuela security forces continue killings, torture

By REGINA GARCIA CANO  
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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan security forces carried out fewer extra-judicial killings in the 12 months through April, a U.N. report said Monday, but it accuses them of a continued pattern of torture or cruel treatment of individuals as well as enforced disappearances and incommunicado detentions.

The report from U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights calls on the government of President Nicolas Maduro to cease the use of excessive force during demonstrations, dismantle pro-government armed civilian groups and ensure effective and independent investigations of all killings by security forces.

"Accountability remains key to preventing and remedying human rights violations and strengthening the rule of law," said the report, which covers June 1, 2020, through April 30. "The protection and expansion of civic space is vital to strengthening democracy, fostering inclusive dialogue and addressing the root causes of current challenges."



Security personnel stand watch on top of the monument to the heroes of the nation, prior a military parade marking Independence Day in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, July 5, 2021.

Associated Press

Maduro's government issued a statement rejecting what it called the "fallacious content" in the report. It accused the U.N. agency of basing the report "on a handful of alleged allegations of human rights violations" with the intent of destabilizing Venezuela.

"This report is the result of a Resolution promoted by a tiny group of governments with serious internal situations of human rights violations, which conspired to satisfy the policy of 'regime

change' promoted by the United States of America against Venezuela," the Foreign Ministry statement said. The U.N. agency documented 17 killings allegedly linked to security forces 16 during security operations in places with high rates of violence and crime and one during a protest. The report did not provide numbers for extra-judicial killings in previous years.

In the majority of the cases, the report said, the killers broke into the homes of the

victims, most of whom were young men or boys from impoverished communities. Witnesses described being threatened with death, beaten and dragged by their hair by officers. The report said officers allegedly manipulated evidence and removed bodies from the victims' homes.

"The events continue to have severe effects in communities, as they instilled fear in the population, generated mistrust in law enforcement, further

marginalized poor communities and caused displacement," the report said.

It also documents nine cases of individuals whose whereabouts were unknown to family and lawyers during their detentions. The agency also says it received reports of people being beaten, electrocuted, sexually violated and threatened with rape by officers. The agency said it is not aware of actions taken by the National Commission Against Torture, an arm of the Ombudsman's Office, which is headed by officials close to the government. Critics say the Ombudsman's Office systemically looks the other way when complaints of human rights violations are reported. The report acknowledges a police reform ordered by Maduro in April and the implementation of training for security forces on human rights and use of force. The reform, which Maduro said he wanted implemented within six months, creates an opportunity to strengthen oversight and vetting of security forces, the U.N. agency said. Proposed reforms in Venezuela do not always materialize, however. □

# Spanish govt endorses clearer, tougher law on sexual consent

MADRID (AP) — Spain's government on Tuesday approved sexual consent legislation that aims to crack down on sexual violence and harassment by codifying offenses and adopting new punishments.

The bill endorsed at a Cabinet meeting says: "Consent is recognized only when a person has freely demonstrated it through actions which, in the context of the circumstances of the case, clearly express the person's will."

The legislation, popularly known as the "Only yes means yes" law, now goes to parliament for a debate and vote, probably in September.

Government spokesperson María Jesús Montero said the proposed law is "a



In this Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 file photo, a woman holds a sign that reads: "Only Yes is Yes", as people gather at Plaza del Castillo square in Pamplona, northern Spain, to a protest against sexual assault.

Associated Press

decisive step forward" in the protection of women, which "makes us, without doubt, better as a society." "We have to transform our sexual culture, plac-

ing women's consent at the center of how we see things," Montero said during a news conference.

The changes contained in the bill follow outcries in re-

cent years over court decisions in sex crime cases.

In 2018, five men were sentenced to nine years in prison each for the lesser crime of sexual abuse in a case that activists saw as a gang rape during the 2016 running of the bulls festival in Pamplona. "It's not abuse, it's rape!" protesters shouted at the time.

Spain's Supreme Court increased the men's sentences to 15 years after prosecutors appealed.

Spanish law punishes non-consensual sex but it is not clearly codified and relies on evidence of violence or intimidation to decide whether it a criminal act occurred and if so, the degree of punishment.

The government hopes the bill will remove the need for victims to prove they re-

sisted or were subjected to violence.

Any non-consensual sex will be regarded as aggression under the proposal. It sets out punishments that include prison terms of up to 15 years.

The bill also addresses for the first time sexual harassment in the street, identifying it as a minor offense that can be prosecuted on the evidence of the offended person. Convictions would be punishable by voluntary work and fines.

The legislation also would establish nationwide crisis centers for women that are open 24 hours a day year-round.

Women's rights have been a political banner for Spain's Socialist-led coalition government, which has a mostly female Cabinet. □



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- Dancing: Dancing is allowed;
- Alcohol: Ban on drinking alcohol in public



places has been removed.

- The government is considering making changes to the entry policy for tourists regarding insurance and testing for vaccinated people but at this time it stays the same until details are worked out and finalized.

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The Vacunathon Youth Edition will take place on July 10, 2021 at the Centro Libertador Betico Croes in Santa Cruz and is especially for children aged 12 and older. In order for the vacunathon to run smoothly, it is recommended that a parent or guardian register their child and apply for their child's vaccine online on the Aruba Health App. A new profile must be created on the Aruba Health App for each child who receives their vaccine.

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- Register in person at Centro Libertador Betico Croes from Monday to Friday between 8.30 am and 11.30 am.
- Register at the DVG office at Caya Ing. Roland Lacle #4 during regular office hours.

For those unable to register before the Vacunathon Youth Edition on July 10, 2021, have the opportunity to register at the Centro Libertador Betico Croes on the same day. A parent or guardian of the child must be present on the day of the Vacunathon Youth Edition. Parents who have not yet received their vaccine can also register and receive it on the spot. The vaccine will also be available to children with illegal status who must register in person at the DVG or at the Centro Libertador Betico Croes in Santa Cruz. Illegal Children who cannot enroll in the Vacunathon Youth Edition can register in person at the Centro Libertador Betico Croes in the presence of a parent and a passport to qualify for the vaccine.

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## Company in the West rotates in the Dutch Caribbean

SAVANETA — In a short military ceremony, Company in the West rotation 36 today handed over its tasks to the next unit, rotation 37. By means of the traditional paddle transfer, the new commander Captain Herman relieved his predecessor Captain Joost. Rotation 37 will also remain in the Caribbean for four months. The Company in the West (CidW) is a permanent unit of the Royal Netherlands Army in the Caribbean which can be used for a variety of tasks.



In addition to training, the departing unit has also provided a number of supports to local authorities in recent months. This includes helping to set up the vac-

cination street at Naval Base Parera where approximately 10,000 people have received their vaccination, but also supporting the KPC in enforcing the

Covid measures. Supporting civil authorities is one of the main tasks for Defense in the Caribbean. Captain Herman: "We are looking forward to the cooperation between Defense in the Caribbean and the various government organizations of the countries. Also for the hurricane season, the new CidW, along with several other units of the Royal Netherlands Navy, will be ready and will, always at the request of the local authorities, leave for an area if there has been a hurricane passage and help is need-

ed there."

CidW 37 originates from 13 Infantry Battalion Regiment Stoottroepen Prins Bernard (RSPB), a unit of 11 Airmobile Brigade. This company, the Alpha "Madju" Company is no stranger to the region. In 2019 she also had the task as a CLAS company in the Caribbean. The intention is that they train for the next 4 months on Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao. Both units come from Assen and know each other from the barracks there. □

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For today's newspaper we received a great picture from Erin Byrne from Massachusetts. She wrote:  
"Aruba to me is the place where my family's most cherished memories are made.



Every time I visit Aruba, I am at a different stage in my life. I came out to my mother on my first trip to Aruba 12/31/99 on the beach. Since this time I have married my beautiful wife and we now bring our son to Aruba every chance we get. Our son's name translates into son of the seas which I think is very appropriate. He will turn 8 the day we land in Aruba next month. This will be his 5th visit and certainly not his last. Aruba holds a piece of my heart and I can't wait to make more memories to drop in our bucket."



**Rita & Rudy Cabata** from Connecticut, USA.  
They wrote:

"Aruba to me is heaven on earth. From our first visit nearly 20 years ago, we recognized that Aruba was a special place. There are countless reasons to love Aruba. The climate, resorts, and beaches are beautiful, but even more beautiful are the people of Aruba. They are caring and helpful in every way. You are welcomed by everyone and made to feel like a friend to everyone you encounter. From the amazing restaurants to the roadside takeaways, culinary adventures await. I have never felt safer in any other location to which I have traveled. I can't imagine a year without visiting our home away from home."



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## The Kitchen Table enters sixth year of gastronomic success on NEW location: A very fine culinary journey of Caribbean and Peruvian fusion cuisine



**EAGLE BEACH — The Kitchen Table is an elegant, classy, intimate, high-quality restaurant with an exceptional dining set-up. Dining here is an experience, a kind of sitting- at your- best- friend's or family's kitchen table where you feel and taste that the food contains love. Are you looking for something different, an ecstatic foody trip, than this is where you need to go.**

The 7-8 course gastronomic journey will start with sparkling wine at the patio of The Kitchen Table's new location at Paradise Beach Villas as of 6.45PM. Around 7.00PM guests will be guided for a memorable dinner on the second floor of the other popular restaurant Asi Es Mi Peru. The dining concept reflects extraordinary, elegant and exquisite dishes from the Caribbean, Peruvian fusion and international cuisine created by the owners, Chef David Lizano and his team. To pair the perfect wines three sommeliers were invited to make the selection.

The interior of the restaurant is if you were in an elegant establishment in Lima, the capital city of Peru. You feel elevated in the top of the building where dinner takes place in an intimate setting. The typical, colorful Peruvian fabrics dress the ceiling while the large windows dignify the room. There are only 16 seats available creating

an intimacy underlined by the owner's personal attention. "This is an amazing experience," says Robert J. Giordanella from New York. "The food is truly divine," shares a local guest. An evening at The Kitchen Table will be noted as unforgettable in your book of vacation memories, as it stands out from the regular island dinners.

### It is all about consistency

The Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas and her husband Jan van Nes are the secret formula behind The Kitchen Table's success. The couple takes a personal approach to what they do, this is not about running a business as usual. This is more about making you feel welcomed home, as well as being pampered. They bring top hospitality, experience and authenticity to the table. Within this gourmet dinner concept the two blended the Peruvian culinary art of Roxanna's top kitchen team and Jan's expertise from The Kitchen Table. The result is one big trip of delight, indulge and tickling of your taste buds. The Kitchen Table welcomes you with open arms every Tuesday to Saturday.

### Peruvian touch

In the last ten years, Peru has been recognized as one of the world's best culinary destinations, and for seven consecutive years, the South



American country has won the award for the Best Culinary destination at the Worlds Travel Awards. Biodiversity combined multiculturalism are the reasons why Peru is so rich in gastronomy. You can travel through the last 500 years, touch a mix of cultures whenever you taste authentic Peruvian cuisine. The Kitchen Table brings this epicurean delicacies to Aruba paired perfectly with the best wines and they will make you understand why Peru is at the height of today's gastronomy.

The Kitchen Table is open from Tuesday to Saturday. Have a peak on their website [www.thekitchentableinaruba.com](http://www.thekitchentableinaruba.com) or call them at +297-280 7117. ☐



# Millennial Money: What will you teach your kids about money?

By **AMRITA JAYAKUMAR**  
of **NerdWallet**

Hey, internet: Remember millennials? Many of us have graduated from our lattes and leisurely brunches to become parents with jobs, car loans and perhaps even a mortgage.

On our road to adulthood, we've experienced two global crises — a recession and a pandemic. Many of us are also still carrying mountains of student debt. These years have shaped our outlook on money, and now we're teaching our kids what we know.

Here are the money lessons five millennial parents around the country want their children to learn (answers have been edited for length and clarity):

## 'DON'T EVER THINK YOUR CHILD IS TOO YOUNG TO LEARN'

**LAURYNN VAUGHN, 37, OF KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, IS A SINGLE PARENT TO TWO DAUGHTERS, AGES 5 AND 4. SHE RUNS A DAY CARE THAT CLOSED DURING THE PANDEMIC BUT HAS SINCE REOPENED. SHE IS ALSO AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER.**

"I don't want to pass on the fact that I was not taught about money. I think the earlier you teach your children, the better. I already teach them that there's pretty much three principles with money. The No. 1 thing is giving. The second thing is saving. And the third thing is, what you have left



In this Jan. 21, 2020 file photo, dollar bills have been dropped into a tip jar at a carwash in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

is what you can enjoy. My principles are a little different, there's really four: I pay bills, then I give, I save and have money left over to enjoy. Teaching them at their level is better than not teaching them because you're waiting for them to get to a level."

## 'IT'S BETTER TO BE A WORKING STUDENT AND LEAVE COLLEGE WITH MUCH LESS DEBT'

**MAE WAUGH BARRIOS, 34, OF HOLLISTON, MASSACHUSETTS, IS A PARENT TO THREE CHILDREN, AGES 10, 4 AND 2. SHE IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL COACH FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND IS ON AN UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO LOOK AFTER HER CHILDREN DURING THE PANDEMIC. HER HUSBAND, FRANCISCO, RUNS A LANDSCAPING BUSINESS. SHE HAS \$20,000 IN STUDENT LOANS LEFT TO PAY OFF.**

"That was the biggest mistake I made in my whole

life. Everyone said go to whatever college you want, just take the loans. Nobody told me the real after-effects of student loans.

My husband didn't go to college. Our plan is to open a college savings account for (our children) when I go back to work. It's (also) better to be a working student and leave college with much less debt.

My husband and I have made sure we don't get so bogged down by debt that we can't survive. We talk a lot at the dinner table about being rich and being poor. If you are rich, your money works for you. If you are poor, you work for money."

## 'A GREATER EMPHASIS ON EXPERIENCES'

**STEFFA MANTILLA, 36, OF HOUSTON HAS A 4-YEAR-OLD SON. SHE IS A CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR, A FORMER**

**ZOOKEEPER AND FOUNDER OF THE PERSONAL FINANCE WEBSITE MONEY TAMER.**

"In our household, we're putting a greater emphasis on 'experiences' rather than 'things.' (For my son's birthday), instead of buying tons of presents, we'll buy one present and then tickets to the children's museum or local zoo. We encourage relatives to give gifts of experience, as well, that they can do together. This puts the focus on family and friends while also teaching him to live with less stuff around."

## 'NOT BEING AFRAID TO INVEST'

**ALAN LAFRANCE, 37, OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, HAS A 5-YEAR-OLD SON. HE WORKS IN DIGITAL MARKETING AND HIS WIFE, MELADEE, IS A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST.**

"You could pay for a car in cash, but you could (get) a loan for that car and take

that capital and invest it. If you can make more with that money, you're in a much better situation overall. At some point you can't just squirrel everything away, you have to start letting the money work for you. As parents, we want our kids to save, but in reality, you can do that too much and really miss out on a lot of opportunity."

## 'BUILD ANOTHER STREAM OF INCOME'

**JERNESSA JONES, 39, OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA, IS A SINGLE PARENT TO A 6-YEAR-OLD SON AND IS AN ACCREDITED FINANCIAL COUNSELOR AT OPERATION HOPE, A FINANCIAL LITERACY NONPROFIT. SHE GRADUATED FROM AN MBA PROGRAM DURING THE PANDEMIC, BOUGHT A HOUSE AND STARTED A FASHION ACCESSORY BUSINESS.**

"My mom and dad didn't own a business and neither were homeowners. I was looking for houses last year because homeownership is the first step to building generational wealth. I realized I could afford the mortgages for some of the houses I looked at, but I'd probably be house poor. I decided to step back and see what I could do to build another stream of income. Entrepreneurship was another thing I could teach my son about. From beginning to end, even when I opened my business bank account, he was there." □

# Supercar maker Bugatti taken over by Croatian company Rimac

**ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) —** Croatia's electric supercar maker, which started in a garage a decade ago, is taking over the iconic French manufacturer Bugatti in a deal that is reported to be worth millions of euros.

The Croatian car producer Rimac Automobili said Germany's Volkswagen Group, including the Porsche division — which owns a majority stake in Bugatti — plans to create a new joint venture. The new company will be called Bugatti-Rimac. Rimac Automobili announced Monday that it

will be combining forces with Bugatti to "create a new automotive and technological powerhouse."

Rimac has progressed in 10 years from a one-man garage startup to a successful company that produces electric supercars. Mate Rimac, who founded the company in 2009, says the venture is an "exciting moment" and calls the combination of the companies "a perfect match for each other."

Porsche will own 45% of Bugatti-Rimac while Rimac Automobili will hold the remaining 55% stake, ac-

cording to Croatian media reports. Financial details of the deal were not published.

Bugattis will continue to be assembled in eastern France, where the company was established in 1909. The vehicles will use engines developed and made in Croatia.

"In an industry evolving at ever-increasing speed, flexibility, innovation and sustainability remain at the very core of Rimac's operations," the company said. "Uniting Rimac's technical expertise and lean operations with Bugatti's 110-year



This handout photo provided by Rimac Automobili shows a Rimac Nevera electric car, at an undisclosed location in Croatia, April 15, 2021.

Associated Press

heritage of design and engineering prowess represents a fusion of leading automotive minds." □

# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 With no markup
  - 7 Play group
  - 11 State division
  - 12 "Lonely Boy" singer
  - 13 Tooth-brush target
  - 14 River of Hades
  - 15 Tennis star Andre
  - 17 Ginger cookie
  - 20 Annoyed state
  - 23 Wallet bill
  - 24 Dragging on the shore
  - 26 Mob pariah
  - 27 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
  - 28 Lend a hand
  - 29 Electric company, e.g.
  - 31 King of France
  - 32 Brimless hat
  - 33 Unit of force
  - 34 Hesitant
  - 37 Rugged rock
  - 39 Inferior
  - 43 Fast runner

- 44 Tempt
- 45 Printer's supplies
- 46 Took a breather

- DOWN**
- 1 Do something
  - 2 Grind — halt
  - 3 Nasty dog
  - 4 Like bar beer
  - 5 Doe's mate
  - 6 Model Banks
  - 7 "Othello" character
  - 8 Expert in old objects
  - 9 Sun setting
  - 10 Price addition

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- 16 Aerosol output
- 17 Walk with pride
- 18 "Keen!"
- 19 Subatomic particle
- 21 Labor group
- 22 Jockey Arcaro
- 24 Spring sign
- 25 Attain
- 30 Fencing moves
- 33 Owed amounts
- 35 Manual reader
- 36 Celtic letter
- 37 Greek X
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- 40 Peach part
- 41 Poker card
- 42 Wine choice

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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## CRYPTOQUOTE

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U X G G Q D Y R B P L G D L B Y . — V M

J D S N X S V

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A CREATIVE MAN IS MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE. NOT BY THE DESIRE TO BEAT OTHERS. — AYN RAND



This April 18, 2008, file photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife shows a gray wolf.

Associated Press

## Study says hunting, poaching reduce Wisconsin wolf numbers

By JOHN FLESHER  
AP Environmental Writer

**TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)** — As many as one-third of Wisconsin's gray wolves likely died at the hands of humans in the months after the federal government announced it was ending legal protections, according to a study released Monday.

Poaching and a February hunt that far exceeded kill quotas were largely responsible for the drop-off, University of Wisconsin scientists said, though some other scientists say more direct evidence is needed for some of the calculations.

Adrian Treves, an environmental studies professor, said his team's findings should raise doubts about having another hunting season this fall and serve notice to wildlife managers in other states with wolves.

Removing federal protections "opens the door for antagonists to kill large numbers in short periods, legally and illegally," Treves and two colleagues said in a paper published by the journal JPeer. "The history of political scapegoating of wolves may repeat itself." The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service dropped gray wolves in the Lower 48 states from its list of endangered and threatened species in January, shortly before former President Donald Trump left office. Agency biologists have long argued that the predator has recovered from persecution that nearly wiped it out by the mid-20th century.

Environmental and animal-rights groups contend the move was premature because wolves haven't returned to most of their historical range. They are pushing the Biden administration to reverse it.

Wisconsin was the first state to resume hunting. Its Department of Natural Resources planned to wait until November but was forced to schedule a season in February after a pro-hunting organization won a court order. Officials cut it short af-

ter hunters killed 218 wolves, blowing past the target of 119.

Based on population models, Treves and University of Wisconsin environmental scientists Francisco Santiago-Avila and Karann Putrevu estimate in their paper that people killed an additional 95 to 105 wolves in Wisconsin between Nov. 3, when the plan to lift federal protections was announced, and mid-April.

They say the deaths reduced the statewide wolf total to between 695 and 751, down from at least 1,034 in spring 2020. That upends the Wisconsin DNR's objective of keeping the population stable even with hunting, the paper says.

The department did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Treves and his colleagues blame more than half of the non-hunting deaths on "cryptic poaching," or illegal kills in which the poacher leaves no evidence, hiding the animal's body and destroying its radio collar. Other human-caused deaths could include automobile strikes and government-approved lethal controls for wolves harassing livestock, Treves said.

His previous research has concluded that such poaching worsens when legal protections are relaxed, based largely on numbers of radio-collared wolves that disappear well before the batteries are due to fail. Treves argues that people who are hostile toward wolves may regard easing of rules as a sign that attacking them is acceptable. A 2017 paper responding to one of his earlier studies described the claim as "based on flawed analysis and unconvincing interpretation of scientific literature." Daniel MacNulty, an associate professor of wildlife ecology at Utah State University, questioned the methods Treves and his team used to calculate cryptic poaching for their latest paper, saying more direct evidence was needed. □

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# Spike Lee, 'Annette' kick off 74th Cannes Film Festival

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CANNES, France (AP) —

The Cannes Film Festival rolled out the red carpet for the first time in more than two years on Tuesday, launching the French Riviera spectacular with the premiere of Leos Carax's "Annette," the introduction of Spike Lee's jury, and with high hopes for shrugging off a punishing pandemic year for cinema.

The 74th Cannes opened Tuesday with as much glitz as it could summon, led by "Annette," a fantastical musical starring Adam Driver and Marion Cotillard and scored by the musical duo Sparks. The opening ceremony also returned last year's Palme d'Or winner, Bong Joon Ho (for "Parasite") and Jodie Foster, who first came to Cannes as a 13-year-old with Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver," for an honorary Palme.

The occasion drew a wide spectrum of film luminaries back to Cannes to celebrate the festival, canceled last year due to the COVID-19 virus. Pedro Almodovar, Jessica Chastain, Helen Mirren and Bella Hadid walked the red carpet, which was again lined with tuxedoed photographers and surrounded by eager onlookers.

The festival was officially declared open by Bong, Almodovar, Foster and



Jury members Melanie Laurent, from left, Mati Diop, Spike Lee, Jessica Hausner and Mylene Farmer pose for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film 'Annette' and the opening ceremony of the 74th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

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Lee, in a mix of Korean, Spanish, French and English. Over the next 10 days, the Cannes Film Festival will try to resuscitate global cinema on a grand scale.

Cannes has pushed ahead in much its usual form, with splashy red-carpet displays and a lineup of many of the world's most revered filmmakers, including Asghar Farhadi, Wes Anderson, Mia Hansen-Love and Paul Verhoeven. Festivalgoers are tested every 48 hours, seated shoulder to

shoulder and masked for screenings.

Lee, who is heading the jury that will decide this year's Palme, arrived earlier in the day wearing a "1619" baseball hat and trying to keep a low profile. "I'm not trying to be a hog," he said to reporters, urging them to ask his fellow jurors questions.

But Lee's presence was hard to ignore. His face as Mars Blackmon from his 1986 feature film debut "She's Gotta Have It" (which pre-

miered at Cannes) adorns this year's poster at the festival central hub, the Palais des Festivals. Lee is the first Black person to ever lead Cannes' prestigious jury. In his first comments, in response to a question from Chaz Ebert, widow of Roger Ebert, Lee spoke about how little has changed since 1989's "Do the Right Thing" which made a controversial debut at Cannes. "When you see brother Eric Garner, when you see king George Floyd murdered,

lynched, I think of Ray (Radio) Raheem," Lee said, referring to the "Do the Right Thing" character. After 30-plus years, you'd "think and hope," Lee said, "that Black people would have stopped being hunted down like animals."

Much of the talk on Tuesday at Cannes centered on injustice and survival. That the festival was even happening, after last year's edition was canceled, was a surprise to some. Maggie Gyllenhaal, who'll see the 24 films in competition for the Palme as a member of the jury over the next 12 days, said it will be her first time in a movie theater in 15 months. When "Parasite" actor Song Kang Ho was invited to be a juror, he said, "I thought: Will there really be a festival?"

"The fact that we're here today, it's really a miracle," said Song.

Still, much of the usual pomp is toned down this year. There's a relative dearth of promotion up and down Cannes' oceanfront promenade, the Croisette, and Hollywood has less of a role than in years past. Brazilian director Kleber Mendonça Filho ("Bacurau"), a juror, added that in some parts of the world, cinema is under siege. In President Jair Bolsonaro's Brazil, he said, the national cinema-theque has been closed and its staff dismantled. □

## Two artworks chosen for display in London's Trafalgar Square

LONDON (AP) — A sculpture symbolizing Britain's complex colonial ties and an artwork featuring the faces of 850 transgender people will be going on display in Trafalgar Square, one of London's highest-profile venues for public art. City officials on Monday announced the next two works to occupy the "fourth plinth," a large stone pedestal in the central London square. From 2022 to 2024 the plinth will display Malawi-born artist Samson Kambalu's "Antelope," a sculpture of Pan-Africanist leader John Chilembwe beside European missionary John

Chorley. Based on a 1914 photograph, it depicts Chilembwe as the much larger figure, "revealing the hidden narratives of under-represented peoples in the history of the British Empire in Africa and beyond," City Hall said. Mexican artist Teresa Margolles' "850 Imprints (850 Imprint)," featuring casts of the faces of transgender people from around the world, will be installed in 2024. City Hall said "the 'life masks' will be arranged round the plinth in the form of a Tzompantli, a skull rack from Mesoamerican civilizations" of what is now Central America and

Mexico. One of London's main tourist attractions and protest sites, Trafalgar Square was named for Admiral Horatio Nelson's 1805 victory over the French and Spanish fleets. A statue of the one-armed admiral stands atop Nelson's Column at the center of the square, and statues of other 19th-century military leaders are nearby.

The fourth plinth was erected in 1841 for a never-completed equestrian statue, and since 1999 has been occupied by a series of artworks for about 18 months at a time. The current occupant is Heather Phillipson's



In this Thursday, July 30, 2020 file photo, a woman takes a photo on her phone of the new work of art entitled 'The End' by artist Heather Phillips on which was unveiled on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square in London.

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sculpture "The End" — a giant swirl of whipped cream topped with a cherry, a fly

and a drone. It's due to stay on display until September 2022. □

# Cavendish wins Stage 10, closes in on Merckx's record haul

**VALENCE, France (AP)** — Mark Cavendish's fairy tale at the Tour de France is a never-ending story.

Only months after he contemplated retirement, the 36-year-old British veteran is now just one win away from tying Eddy Merckx's record haul of 34 stage wins at cycling's biggest race.

Cavendish won the 10th stage in a mass sprint Tuesday as Tadej Pogacar kept the race leader's yellow jersey.

Back at the Tour for the first time since 2018, Cavendish has been dominating the sprints this summer, with three stage wins under his belt already.

In Valence, the sprinter from the Isle of Man once again enjoyed a perfect lead-out from his Deceuninck-Quick Step teammates and comfortably edged Belgians Wout van Aert and Jasper Philipsen.

"It was an old-school, run-of-the-mill, like you read in the cycling magazines, textbook lead-out," Cavendish said. "Just getting the lads on the front, pull as fast as they can so no one can come past you... I just had to finish it off. I'm grateful to all of them. I didn't have to do anything. Just the last 150 meters. I'm thankful to everyone."

Cavendish has no rival to his measure, especially with



Britain's Mark Cavendish, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, celebrates with teammate in background Denmark's Michael Morkov, as he crosses the finish line to win the tenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 190.7 kilometers (118.5 miles) with start in Albertville and finish in Valence, France, Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

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the absence of teammate and sprinter Sam Bennett, whom he replaced at the last minute — and after Caleb Ewan crashed out early in the race. He also enjoys the collective experience and force of his team, the best outfit when it comes to one-day racing. "It's a bit like with a center-forward in soccer" Thomas Voeckler, a former Tour rider turned commentator for public broadcaster France TV, said after the finish. "When they score, they keep on going. It's the same with sprinters."

Cavendish secured a new contract with his former team for the 2021 season after returning from a bout of depression and several seasons of struggles on and off the bike. But he was not expected to ride in the Tour and did not train specifically for the three-week race. He was a late call-up last month as a replacement for Bennett, the best sprinter of last year's Tour.

Cavendish has returned with a vengeance, as if the long absence had whetted his appetite for victory. The

way he fought during the daunting Stage 9 in the Alps to make sure he made the time cut to stay in the race spoke volumes about his determination to see the Champs-Elysees one more time.

Having survived the Alpine stages in terrible weather conditions, Cavendish will have more opportunities to equal or beat Merckx's record. And if he manages to reach the finish line in two week's time, the best sprinter's green jersey he currently dons will be another target.

Following two hard stages in the Alps contested in terrible weather conditions, Pogacar finished safely in the main pack. The defending champion was on his guard in the last 20 kilometers on roads open to crosswinds and pushed hard to remain at the front as the peloton split in small groups.

Earlier, Tosh Van der Sande, from the Lotto-Soudal team attacked from the start and was joined at the front by Astana rider Hugo Houle. With neither a threat in the general classification, the peloton was happy to let them go as the sun returned to the Tour de France route.

The pair quickly opened a gap of six minutes in less than 20 kilometers but could not keep on the same speed for long. Their lead shrank to four minutes as they approached the day's lone climb — the Col de Couz — and the breakaway was put to an end about 36 kilometers from the finish.

Pogacar has already stamped his authority on the race. He avoided the crashes that pushed some pre-race favorites out of contention, asserted his authority during the first time trial and attacked relentlessly in the mountains to open a 2:01 gap over his closest rival, Ben O'Connor of Australia. □

## ESPN takes Nichols off NBA Finals duty after leaked comments

**PHOENIX (AP)** — ESPN has replaced Rachel Nichols as its sideline reporter for the NBA Finals following a report detailing critical comments she made about Black colleague Maria Taylor.

The network announced Tuesday that Malika Andrews would handle that role for the series between the Phoenix Suns and Milwaukee Bucks.

Nichols, who is white, has been the sideline reporter for its top national games this season and for last year's NBA Finals.

But the switch was made after The New York Times reported Sunday on her comments last year, when she learned Taylor would lead the network's studio show instead of her during the league's restart at Walt Disney World.

In a phone conversation that was accidentally recorded and the Times obtained, Nichols said: "I wish Maria Taylor all the success in the world — she covers football, she covers basketball. If you need to give her more things to do because you are feeling pressure

about your crappy long-time record on diversity — which, by the way, I know personally from the female side of it — like, go for it. Just find it somewhere else. You are not going to find it from me or taking my thing away."

The Times' report said the show's crew was angry with Nichols, who apologized Monday while hosting "The Jump."

Nichols will continue to host that daily weekday basketball show onsite during the finals.

Taylor will again host the



In this Friday, July 31, 2020, file photo, ESPN reporter Rachel Nichols stands on the court before an NBA basketball game between the Houston Rockets and the Dallas Mavericks, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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NBA Finals pregame and halftime shows, though the New York Post reported

that her contract ends later this month and she had rejected an extension. □

# 2018 champion Kerber vs. No. 1 Barty in Wimbledon semifinals

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WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— When Angelique Kerber grabbed the opening set of her Wimbledon quarterfinal Tuesday, the full-capacity crowd saluted the accomplishment with cheers that bounced off the closed roof at No. 1 Court.

Kerber's reaction? Just a matter-of-fact, straight-faced stroll to the sideline. No shouts or leaps or fist pumps. Unlike the other women headed to the semifinals at the All England Club, this is not new to her. Not at all. It's just that it's been a while.

The owner of three Grand Slam titles, including at Wimbledon in 2018, Kerber moved back into the final four at the grass-court major by using her knee-to-the-turf agility and quick reflexes to beat No. 19 seed Karolina Muchova 6-2, 6-3. "I remember how I played here," said Kerber, a 33-year-old left-hander from Germany, who did let loose by shaking her fists when her victory ended. "I know how to play on (a) grass court."

Next, No. 25 seed Kerber takes on No. 1 Ash Barty, who eliminated 75th-ranked Ajla Tomljanovic 6-1, 6-3 in the first all-Australian major quarterfinal in 40 years. "It's the ultimate test," Barty said, looking ahead to Thursday's matchup. "Angie's obviously had success here before."

Barty won the 2019 French



Germany's Angelique Kerber celebrates winning a game against Czech Republic's Karolina Muchova during the women's singles quarterfinals match on day eight of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Open, but she had never been to the quarterfinals at the All England Club. Indeed, this was the first time in the Open era, which began in 1968, that the tournament had six first-time women's quarterfinalists. Only Kerber and Muchova, who also lost at this stage in 2019, boasted past experience.

The other semifinal is No. 2 seed Aryna Sabalenka against No. 8 Karolina Pliskova. Sabalenka collected her tour-leading 34th match win of 2021 by defeating No. 21 seed Ons Jabeur 6-4, 6-3, and Pliskova topped unseeded Viktorija Golubic 6-2, 6-2.

This was the first day of 100% capacity in the two main

stadiums after COVID-19 restrictions placed a 50% cap on attendance when the fortnight began. With rain falling much of the afternoon, the singles matches were played at Centre Court and No. 1 Court with the roofs shut and spectators allowed to be maskless — the All England Club says the arena's ventilation systems allow them to be considered outdoor venues. Pliskova — the 2016 U.S. Open runner-up to Kerber — claimed 24 of 26 points on her serve in one stretch, hit eight aces and saved the only three break chances she faced.

"Everything today was working quite well," said Pliskova, who averaged

106.5 mph on her first serves, 20.5 mph faster than Golubic.

Pliskova has been broken only three times through five matches so far and has not dropped a set. She also hasn't played anyone ranked better than 47th yet.

Now comes a test. Jabeur's game is full of novelty and nuance, with drop shots and all manner of angles and spin. Sabalenka? She is all about power and big cuts at the ball, and even with that constantly aggressive style, she managed to accumulate more winners, 27, than unforced errors, 20.

"She played," Tunisia's Jabeur said, "the match of

her life."

Sabalenka, a 23-year-old from Belarus, hadn't been past the fourth round at any major previously. But she agreed hers was a "great performance."

"I still have this opportunity to win a Slam," Sabalenka said. "I will do everything I can to reach my goal."

In the day's lone men's match, No. 14 seed Hubert Hurkacz came back to edge No. 2 Daniil Medvedev 2-6, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the resumption of a fourth-rounder contest suspended Monday night.

Hurkacz's first Grand Slam quarterfinal will come against 20-time major champion Roger Federer on Wednesday.

Kerber was certainly the best known and most accomplished of the women left in the draw as Tuesday began.

And now she's into her eighth Grand Slam semifinal, with half coming at Wimbledon. The most recent came three years ago, when she upset Serena Williams for the championship.

Kerber extended her current winning streak to 10 matches, including a title at a grass-court tuneup in Germany last month, and her first-round exits on the Australian Open's hard courts in February and French Open's red clay in May seem like forever ago. "I never stopped to believe in myself (and) how I can play," said Kerber, like Pliskova a former No. 1. □

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## Tom Hallion to be plate umpire for July 13 MLB All-Star Game



Home plate umpire Tom Hallion, left, makes Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Diego Castillo change his hat during the ninth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Looking on is first base umpire Mark Ripperger.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tom Hallion will be the plate umpire and crew chief for the All-Star Game at Denver's Coors Field on July 13.

Hallion, a 28-year major league veteran, was left field umpire for the 1992 All-Star Game in San Diego and second base umpire for the 2008 game at Yankee Stadium.

He will be joined by CB Bucknor (first base), Chris Guccione (second base),

Lance Barrett (third base), David Rackley (left field) and Adam Hamari (right field).

Bucknor worked left field at the 2005 game in Detroit, and Guccione worked right field in the 2011 game at Arizona. Barrett, Rackley and Hamari will each work their first All-Star Game.

Greg Gibson will be the replay umpire in New York. Colorado-based Dave Einspahr will be the official

scorer.

In addition, NL manager Dave Roberts of the Los Angeles Dodgers invited Reggie Smith to be an honorary coach. Smith was a member of the Dodgers' 1981 World Series champions.

Double-A umpires Darius Ghani (home), Michael Rains (first), Mark Stewart (second) and Sam Burch (third) will work Saturday's All-Star Futures Game. □